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## **Road closed below Wright Patman Dam**

The road below Wright Patman Dam is closed until further notice due to groundwater surfacing through the base material and roadbed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff at the lake. The groundwater has saturated the road and surrounding land and has caused the road to become unsuitable for vehicular traffic.

The road is closed from Moss-Thornton Road to the Sulphur Point Recreation Area and "Road Closed" signs and barricades have been placed across the road. The owner of any vehicle observed beyond the signs and barricades is subject to a citation under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations with a fine of \$75.00. Over 20 citations have been issued so far for vehicles beyond barricades or vehicles in closed areas.

The stilling basin area and Sulphur Point are still accessible. From Highway 59, take FM 2148 to the Wright Patman Lake sign, turn left, and then drive across the dam.

Closing of this road is a measure taken to prevent damage to the road and possible damage to vehicles as was the case during the flood of 1990.

Questions may be directed to the Wright Patman Lake office at 838-8781.

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